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SIR:

**AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO APRIL 2, 2004
OFFICE ACTION, PETITION FOR A THREE-MONTH
EXTENSION OF TIME, AND INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

This Amendment is submitted in response to the Office Action issued April 2, 2004 by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office in connection with the above-identified application. A response to the April 2, 2004 Office Action was due July 2, 2004. Applicants hereby request a three-month extension of time from July 2, 2004 to October 2, 2004. However, since October 2, 2004 falls on a Saturday, the next succeeding day which is not a Saturday, Sunday or Federal holiday, i.e. Monday, October 4, 2004, is considered timely under 37 C.F.R. § 1.7. The fee for a three-month extension of time is \$980.00 and a check including this amount is enclosed. Accordingly, a response to the April 2, 2004 Office Action is now due October 2, 2004 and this Amendment is being timely filed.

Please amend the subject application as follows: